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SUBJECT: GOC CONCERN OVER ILLEGAL COLOMBIAN RESIDENTS IN U.S.

REF: (A) STATE 147149; (B) BOGOTA 5761

1. DURING COURSE OF JULY 28 DISCUSSION ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES WITH ASST. SECRETARY LEWIS AND CHARGE (SEPTTEL FONMIN LIEVANO UNEXPECTEDLY RAISED SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE EFFECT ON ILLEGAL COLOMBIAN IMMIGRANTS IN U.S. OF PEDNING NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION.

2. LIEVANO SAID THAT THE ISSUE COULD BECOME VERY SENSITIVE IN U.S.-COLOMBIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS IF LARGE NUMBERS OF COLOMBIANS WERE SUMMARILY DEPORTED FROM THE U.S. THE MINISTER ADMITTED THAT THE U.S. WOULD HAVE LEGALITY ON ITS SIDE IN SUCH AN EVENTUALLY BUT REMARKED THAT THE MATTER HAD A POLITICAL DIMENSION, AS WELL, WHICH WAS IMPORTANT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT.

3. LEWIS EXPLAINED TO THE MINISTER THE AUTOCRMY ENJOYED BY THE STATES UNDER THE U.S. FEDERAL SYSTEM BUT SAID THE USG WOULD DO

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WHAT IT COULD TO ALLEVIATE THE GOC'S CONCERN.

4. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION OF THIS SUBJECT IN THE PRESS OR IN PRIVATE CONTACTS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, THAT THE FONMIM CHOSE TO RAISE THE MATTER, OUT OF CONTEXT, WITH A SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, IS EVIDENCE THAT IT IS CAUSING CONTINUING CONCERN IN HIGH GOC LEVELS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE LEGISLATION AS WELL AS AN ASSESSMENT OF THE SCALE ON WHICH IRS WOULD TAKE DEPORTATION ACTION.  
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